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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was warming trend before a few storms moved through and made conditions too wet for farmers to get into the fields. Cool and wet weather allowed farmers and ranchers 2.8 days suitable for field work compared to 1.5 days the previous week. Farmers are anxious to start planting, but it will take a few more weeks before fields are dry enough for farm work. Calving and lambing are well underway and should continue for another couple of months.

Field Crops Summary

Northern counties reported concern for snow mold on winter wheat and alfalfa hay. Counties are reporting up to a foot and a half of snow in some areas and standing water in others. Fall grain in the north looks good coming out of winter. No spring crops have been planted yet with the exception of a few onions on sandy soil. Fields have not yet been fertilized due to the wet conditions. Farmers reported needing a few weeks of sunshine before they can start field work.

Livestock Summary

Livestock were in average condition last week. Cattle producers are reporting a fair to good calving season with little to modest calf sickness in the north, and slight losses in the south. Both cattle and sheep producers are reporting scours and pneumonia in baby animals due to the wet conditions. Calving and lambing should continue in the coming weeks.

Crop Progress for Week Ending March 26, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	11	5	16	16
Oats Planted	13	4	17	10
Spring Wheat Planted	10	7	21	22

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending March 26, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	4	1	24	57	14
Sheep	0	3	14	73	10
Cattle/calves	0	1	11	65	23

Livestock Percent for Week Ending March 26, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	55	39	57	44
Sheep Sheared on Farm	42	19	33	32
Sheep Sheared on Range	17	12	24	17
Ewes Lambled on Farm	62	46	57	43
Ewes Lambled on Range	19	10	22	16

Soil Moisture for Week Ending March 26, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	4	74	22
Subsoil	0	2	88	10
Irrigation water supplies	0	2	94	4
Stock water supplies	0	0	95	5